

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2003**

The Williamsburg City Council held a work session on October 6, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Houghland, Scruggs and Tabb. Also present City Attorney Phillips, and Assistant City Manager Miller. Mr. Tuttle and Ms. Crist were absent.

Staff Attending: Department Heads Nester, Serra, and Clayton.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zeidler called the meeting to order. The Mayor said that Mr. Tuttle was absent, and that Assistant City Manager Ms. Miller would serve in his absence.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.
No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

BACKGROUND PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation—President Colin Campbell

Mayor Zeidler welcomed President Campbell.

Colin Campbell said he was delighted to have the opportunity to make a presentation regarding Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's initiatives. The President read his prepared comments (see attached). First, he addressed the many ways the City and CWF are working together, such as the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown in 2007, improvements to the downtown area and parking, management of traffic, the marketing grant, and emergency response during Hurricane Isabel. In the future, the city, college, and CWF will be discussing the best way to enrich the cultural life of our community, specifically the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater. Colonial Williamsburg is going through a period of change and will continue their dedication to the educational mission, and has developed a new operating model for the Historic Area, which includes program "seasons."

President Campbell addressed the reduction of staff through attrition and retirement. He next explained the changes that will take place in the museum sites at Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum and the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum. The Foundation also has plans for a Health Evaluation Center and spa facility to serve both guests and the community. It is hoped that these will produce a significant amount of revenue to support educational programs. Planning for the Lodge renovation continues, particularly its conference facilities. The Good Neighbor program will cost \$10.00 for a pass, but students, teachers, and municipal employees will be exempt from the fee. The 2003 marketing campaign will focus on what it was like in 1774 and the difference that 200 years can make.

President Campbell said this is a busy and challenging time, and on many fronts an exciting time. During this time of change it is our common purpose to make this place a better place to live, to work, and to visit. The community deserves nothing less. He thanked Council for their support.

Mayor Zeidler thanked President Campbell for coming and for his valuable comments addressing many matters. Council members were very appreciative of the President's message.

Mayor Zeidler suggested that the City and Colonial Williamsburg staff engage in periodic meetings to discuss areas of common interest. The President said that makes very good sense and he would like to pursue that idea with the City Manager. He took the opportunity to introduce Rex Ellis, Vice President of the Historic Area, and Ron Hurst, Vice President for Museums and Collections.

Downtown Parking Garage Status Report and City Council Site Tour - Public Works Director Dan Clayton

Mr. Clayton gave a brief update, saying that the brickwork was being done and the structure was close to completion. The project was started in November 2002 and has gone well, with a good contractor and a good construction management firm. The garage project is well hidden from view. Staff will next be working on developing signage for the garage. Mr. Clayton asked Jason MacDonald, the on-site construction manager to provide information to Council. Mr. McDonald will also provide the tour of the site following the meeting.

Using an overhead presentation, Mr. McDonald provided an update on the project. He reported the completion date for the three-level, 362-space facility is December 22, 2003. The perimeter masonry still has to be completed and the electrical and plumbing is to be finished by November 12. The building is 99% complete. Photographs showed the various views of the garage from surrounding streets. He will provide Council members with a 30-minute tour of the site, and asked that they meet him at the job site trailer.

The Mayor said that she had received many compliments on the garage. Council members looked forward to the tour. Mr. Scruggs commented that the construction of the garage was not obvious and had not been a problem to business owners in the area. It is an investment in the downtown area, a commitment to businesses, and will be an advantage in the future. Mr. Haulman noted that this is one investment in the downtown area, along with other partners, and a building block for the future.

PREVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING – October 9, 2003

No additional information was requested.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS—October 2003

Council members received a copy of the October meeting calendar.

Ms. Miller noted the following:

A special meeting of the Industrial Development Authority will be held on October 7, 2003, to hear the request of the Colonial Community Services. The regular meeting will be held October 28, 2003.

The city's United Way Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast will be held Friday October 17, 8:00 a.m.

The Farmers Market will continue every Saturday through October.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Zeidler opened the session for public comment.
No one wished to speak. The session was closed.

At 2:50 p.m., Mayor Zeidler adjourned the meeting to the site of the Prince George Parking Garage.

Following the tour of the parking garage, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved: November 13, 2003

Shelia Y. Crist

Jeanne Zeidler, Mayor